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Application No.: 09/825,648

Art Group: 1753

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COMPLIANT WAFER CHUCK (AS AMENDED)

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action of August 20, 2003, please enter the following amendments. The amendments are believed to place the application in condition for allowance as further explained below.

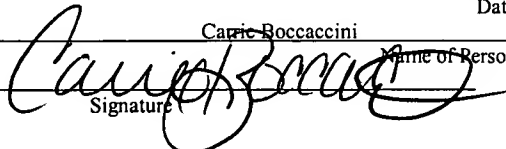
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.

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RESPONSE

This communication is submitted in response to the office action of October 21, 2003. The purpose is to complete the response filed on August 14, 2003 to the prior office action.

The claims that are readable upon the elected specie of Figure 4 are claims 9 and 10.

Respectfully submitted,

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